

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 16-35, and 41-50 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 11-15, and 36-40. New claims 51-52 have been added. No new matter has been added.

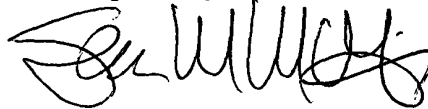
With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 10/001,812, Applicant hereby incorporates the claim of priority from Japanese Application 2000-371434 filed on December 6, 2000, and claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The prior application is assigned of record to NEC Corporation at Reel 012352, and Frame 0698.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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